



# Food Stamps For Students

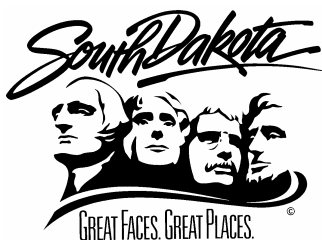
The Department of Social Services offers the Food Stamp Program to provide adequate nutrition to low-income South Dakotans as they work to become self-sufficient. Students who attend an accredited school or college may be eligible for food stamps.

A student is defined as any person between the ages of 18 and 50 who is physically and mentally fit and is enrolled at least half time in an accredited school or college. In order to qualify, a student must meet at least one of the following criteria. A student must:

- work in a paid position at least 20 hours per week. If self-employed, he or she must work at least 20 hours a week and earn the federal minimum hourly wage times 20.
- participate in a federal or state financed work-study program during the regular school year.
- be responsible for the care of a dependent household member under age 6.
- be responsible for the care of a dependent household member who has reached age 6 but is under age 12 where the caseworker has determined that adequate child care is not available.
- be a single parent responsible for the care of a dependent child under age 12 and enrolled full time in an accredited school or college.
- be receiving benefits from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- be assigned to or placed in an accredited school or college through a program under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) or Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) through the Department of Labor.

**Students may apply at their county Food Stamp office. For more information, contact a Food Stamp caseworker.**

**Food Stamp Office**  
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